

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 16 are pending. Claims 2, 6, 9, 12 and 14 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner has requested an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 be made between the following:

Species I, as illustrated in figure 1; and

Species II, as illustrated in figures 7-9.

Applicants' Election

In response to this restriction requirement, the Applicants elect, without traverse, Species II, as illustrated in figures 7-9, and identify claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 16 as readable thereon. Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 11 and 16 are generic. Accordingly, if one of these claims is allowed the withdrawn claims should be rejoined and allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above elections, the Applicant submits that the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any underpayment or non-payment of any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or

1.17, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750, including, in particular, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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